

Maules Creek Continuation Project

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Submission against the approval of the project

No need to Approve 10 years ahead

There is no need for the government to approve the continuation of the Maules Creek project as it will only start in 2034 and continue until 2044. The company is just “banking” an approval now because it fears that future public and legal opinion will be so strong that approval will be impossible.

Legal opinions Against Mine Approvals

Recent decisions including those by the International Court of Justice and the NSW Court of Appeals have been very clear that Global Warming must be taken into account and that we have a responsibility to future generations to consider the long term effects of Green House Gases over and above the short term benefits of mining coal. The International Court specifically mentioned stopping new approvals.

Any consideration of the Maules Creek Mine expansion must take these court rulings into account. The Continuation of the Maules Creek Mine must be rejected – the courts have ruled.

Whitehaven as a Corporate Citizen

Whitehaven have been repeatedly prosecuted for breaches of condition of approval and for environment offences.

They are bad corporate citizens and they should not be given further approvals to operate in the community.

Leard State Forest

The Leard State Forest is public land surrounded by highly modified agricultural land and land destroyed by mining. It is a last resort for nature to survive. One last gasp of oxygen producing / CO2 reducing environmental benefit. Public land should be preserved for future generations and not sacrificed for short term profits.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the decision making process.

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